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IN RE APPLICATION OF
Ross A. Benson et al.

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EXAMINER: Barbara J. Musser

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GROUP ART UNIT: 1733

TITLE: **Co-Bonded Joint with Z-Pins**

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the office action mailed October 8, 2003, please amend the claims as set forth below: